

CAG Meeting – 2/21/13

Ray gives update on ballfield sampling

- Ray says we will get data back in 2 weeks, possibly including QA/QC.
- David says we will have update public meeting in Lyndhurst, at which we will also discuss ballfield sampling results.
- Any plans for Nutley public meetings? Mayor's office did not ask for public meeting, but asked for updated fact sheet.

Odor issue:

- Joint EPA-NJDEP letter to Bonjornos will be signed in next few days.
- Ray & Janine go over conclusions in letter.

Urban Waters Designation

How does Hurricane Sandy money relate to Passaic River?

RM10.9

- (Joe Nardone) Size of the barges to be used? About 150ft long, 40ft wide.
- (Jeff Weiss) What does USACE/NJDOT say about moving barges in channel that has not been dredged? Have bathymetry surveys, so know depths well. Contractors have bridge specs. Barges may only be ½ full.
- (Debbie Mans) Work boat/push boat will be used to move barge – mobile air emissions concern. CPG has given NJDEP potential to emit calculations.
- Where will sediment be off-loaded? Down to 2 stabilization facilities (Cashman in Kearny, Clean Earth in Elizabeth)
- (Ella) How much will it cost? \$20-25 million
- (Ella) Dredging elsewhere in US (Midwest): Volume dredged there for \$25million is much higher. Consider piping? 17-miles of piping would be difficult.
- Rob says much of cost is for disposal – Midwest projects dispose in landfill locally.
- Ella complains about high cost for so little dredging volume. Concerned that CPG will need to come back later to remove remaining sediment.
- Ray reminds Ella of reasoning behind time-critical removal – do it quickly to cut off risk. To take everything out would take 3-5 yrs. Ella does not agree.
- Ella is not sure we are addressing all of risk. When project was first presented, more dredging was discussed. Can't guarantee with all storms that cap will stay in place. Spending a lot of money to put bandaid on.

- (Debbie Mans) What will processing facility be doing? Stabilization, not dewatering.
- (Debbie Mans) Do Cashman or Clean Earth have rail access?
- Will there be standards that trigger shut down? Yes, working on it.
- Based on turbidity? Yes, because no real time chemical data possible. But CPG has been monitoring since 2009, so have good idea of relationship between suspended solids and chemistry.
- How long is long-term monitoring? 5 yrs and at least until final remedy is implemented.
- Ever find any source for contamination? Different people have different answers.
- Will CAG have opportunity to review Community Health and Safety Plan? Yes
- Web site? Yes
- How do you trade off impacting rowers vs. impacting fish windows vs. etc...?
- What if you pipe materials part-way, beyond rowers, then put on barge?
- Will barges be tarped? If necessary, covers will be available.
- Diesel emissions?
- When will CAG see CHASP? Due to be submitted next week, post to ourPassaic right away. Have detailed discussion on 3/14 CAG. Could even have follow-up discussions at April meeting. CAG will form subcommittee to review.

TASC

- March – table comparing dredging techniques, table comparing disposal techniques
- April – table comparing FFS 2 major alternatives
- April – CPG will be back to make presentation on CPG alternative.
- Lisa Baron to e-mail title of report to Doug Sarno
- Stuff that is on ourPassaic – is it in print form in Newark Library repository?
- Pb at Terrell Homes – what can get into the river from storms?